

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

November 21, 2000

**APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
INC. AND POWERTEL, INC. PURSUANT TO
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

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DOCKET NO. 00-00803

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (CMRS)

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") upon the Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for approval of the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") negotiated by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Powertel, Inc., a commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) provider. The Petition for approval of the Agreement came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252.

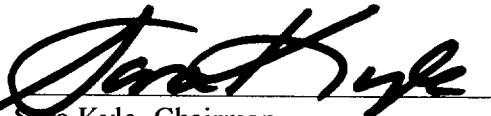
The Agreement was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 7, 2000, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Melvin J. Malone. The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.* Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

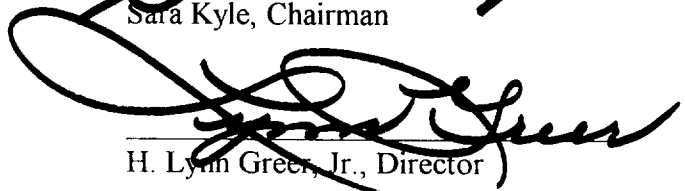
- 1) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. service area;
- 2) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;

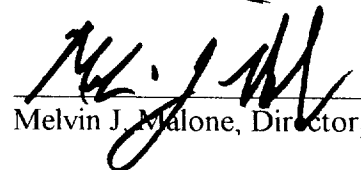
- 3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;
- 4) The approval of the Agreement is consistent with previous Authority decisions and orders;
- 5) This is a CMRS agreement and not an agreement between competing carriers;
- 6) By approving this Agreement, the Authority does not make a determination that the provision of wireless service to both business and residential customers within the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc service area rises to the level of facilities-based competition under 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)(1)(A); and
- 7) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.*

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

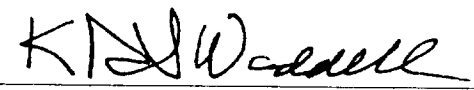
The Interconnection Agreement negotiated by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Powertel, Inc. is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


H. Lynn Green, Jr., Director


Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary